

MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS 127TH WING (ACC) SELFRIDGE ANG BASE, MICHIGAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR Selfridge Employees and Patrons

FROM 127WG/CC

SUBJECT: Legionnaires Disease at Selfridge

- 1. I continue to be concerned for the health and well-being of all those working at Selfridge, especially with regard to the reported confirmation of Legionnaires' disease at the base. Again, I appreciate your patience as we continue to gather information and recommendations on our way forward.
- 2. Currently there are five personnel from Selfridge who have been confirmed with a diagnosis of Legionnaires' disease. Of those diagnosed, four are TACOM employees working at Selfridge and one is a 127th Wing employee. All of these personnel are receiving appropriate medical care.
- 3. A multi-disciplinary team from US Army Public Health Command and the State of Michigan Department of Health continues to work with the 127th Wing and TACOM public health personnel as we work to discover the root cause of the illness. As part of the investigation they are performing medical surveys, interviews, data collection and sampling to assist with our attempt to understand the recent attempts. This team includes epidemiologists, physicians and public health specialists who continue to provide recommendations to senior leadership daily. I have also extended an invitation to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who have offered to send additional specialists to assist the team with the investigation.
- 4. Continued monitoring and recommended testing of water and air quality is ongoing in facilities related to the investigation. Buildings 325 and 326 remain closed to workers and will remain empty until recommendations are made by the investigating team ensuring that the buildings are safe for occupancy.
- 5. I will continue to keep you posted as new information becomes available. I encourage questions or concerns to be addressed to your primary care physician, or you can contact the 127th Public Health Office at 586-239-5872.

//signed// MICHAEL L. PEPLINSKI, Brig. Gen., MI ANG Commander